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8. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A display control method for controlling display of information on a display screen, comprising:

changing a display on a display unit, from a first display region of a display image to a second display region of the display image that is different from the first display region, by a scrolling process in response to a manipulation of an input device or key; and

automatically returning the display to said first display region in response to a cancellation of the scrolling process, wherein the cancellation corresponds to a release of the input device or key.

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15. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A computer-readable storage medium that provides instructions controlling the display of information on a display screen, which, when executed by a machine, causes the machine to perform operations comprising:

changing a display on a display unit, from a first display region of a display image to a second display region of the display image that is different from the first display region, by a scrolling process in response to a manipulation of an input device or key; and

automatically returning the display to said first display region in response to a cancellation of the scrolling process, wherein the cancellation corresponds to a release of the input device or key.

25-27. (CANCELED)

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on March 3, 2003, claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, and 25-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaply (U.S. Patent No. 6,215,490) ("Kaply") and Cowart, Mastering Windows 3.1 Special Edition ("Cowart"); and claims 3-7, 10-14, and 17-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaply and Cowart in view of Ludolph (U.S. Patent No. 5,874,958) ("Ludolph"). The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-27 are pending in the subject application, of which claims 1, 8, 15, and 25-27 are independent. Claims 1, 8, and 15 are amended and claims 25-27 are canceled. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. A Version With Markings To Show

Changes Made to the amended claims is included herewith.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 1, 8, and 15 (as amended herein) recite changing a display on a "display unit," from a first display region of a "display image" to a second display region of the "display image" that is different from the first display region, by a scrolling process "in response to a manipulation of an input device or key" and automatically returning the display to the first display region in response to a cancellation of the scrolling process by the scrolling section, "wherein the cancellation corresponds to a release of the input device or key."

In contrast, as discussed with the Examiner during the April 1, 2003 telephone interview, the cited references do not disclose or suggest the same. Therefore, claims 1, 8, and 15 of the subject application are patentably distinguishable over the cited references. In addition, dependent claims 2-7, 9-14, and 16-24 are allowable based on their dependency, directly or indirectly, from one of allowable claims 1, 8, and 15.


Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is respectfully requested.

There being no further objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested. Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 25-27.

Please AMEND claims 1, 8, and 15. The remaining claims are reprinted, as a convenience to the Examiner, as they presently stand before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) An information processing apparatus comprising:
a scrolling section which changes a display on a display [screen] unit, from a first display region of a [displayed item] display image to a second display region of the [displayed item] display image that is different from the first display region, by a scrolling process in response to a manipulation of an input device or key; and

a return section which automatically returns the display to said first display region in response to a cancellation of the scrolling process by said scrolling section, wherein the cancellation corresponds to a release of the input device or key.

2. (UNAMENDED) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein both said first display region and said second display region are displayed within a single window which is displayed on the display screen.

3. (UNAMENDED) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first display region is formed by one window within a multi-window which includes a plurality of windows, and said second display region is formed by another window within said multi-window.

4. (ONCE AMENDED) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
a setting section which sets a mark indicating said first display region.

5. (UNAMENDED) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said return section displays said first display region at a position where said mark is

displayed on the display screen.

6. (UNAMENDED) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said first display region is formed by a window within a multi-window which includes a plurality of windows, said second display region is formed by another window within said multi-window, and said return section displays said first display region at a position where said one window including the mark is displayed at a frontmost position on the display screen.

7. (UNAMENDED) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said setting section sets the mark at a position of a cursor in said first display region.

8. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A display control method for controlling display of information on a display screen, comprising:

changing a display on a display [screen] unit, from a first display region of a [displayed item] display image to a second display region of the [displayed item] display image that is different from the first display region, by a scrolling process in response to a manipulation of an input device or key; and

automatically returning the display to said first display region in response to a cancellation of the scrolling process, wherein the cancellation corresponds to a release of the input device or key.

9. (UNAMENDED) The display control method as claimed in claim 8, wherein both said first display region and said second display region are displayed within a single window which is displayed on the display screen.

10. (UNAMENDED) The display control method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said first display region is formed by one window within a multi-window which includes a plurality of windows, and said second display region is formed by another window within said multi-window.

11. (ONCE AMENDED) The display control method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

setting a mark indicating said first display region.

12. (ONCE AMENDED) The display control method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said automatically returning displays said first display region at a position where said mark is displayed on the display screen.

13. (ONCE AMENDED) The display control method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said first display region is formed by a window within a multi-window which includes a plurality of windows, said second display region is formed by another window within said multi-window, and said automatically returning displays said first display region at a position where said one window including the mark is displayed at a frontmost position on the display screen.

14. (ONCE AMENDED) The display control methods as claimed in claim 11, wherein said setting sets the mark at a position of a cursor in said first display region.

15. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A computer-readable storage medium that provides instructions controlling the display of information on a display screen, which, when executed by a machine, causes the machine to perform operations comprising:

changing a display on a display [screen] unit, from a first display region of a [displayed item] display image to a second display region of the [displayed item] display image that is different from the first display region, by a scrolling process in response to a manipulation of an input device or key; and

automatically returning the display to said first display region in response to a cancellation of the scrolling process, wherein the cancellation corresponds to a release of the input device or key.

16. (UNAMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 15, wherein both said first display region and said second display region are displayed with a single window which is displayed on the display screen.

17. (UNAMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 15, wherein said first display region is formed by one window within a multi-window which includes a plurality of windows, and said second display region is formed by another window within said multi-window.

18. (ONCE AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 15, wherein the instructions cause the machine to perform operations further comprising:
setting a mark indicating said first display region.

19. (ONCE AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 18, wherein said automatically returning displays said first display region at a position where said mark is displayed on the display screen.

20. (ONCE AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 19, wherein said first display region is formed by a window within a multi-window which includes a plurality of windows, said second display region is formed by another window within said multi-window, and said automatically returning displays said first display region at a position where said one window including the mark is displayed at a frontmost position on the display screen.

21. (ONCE AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 18, wherein said setting sets the mark at a position of a cursor in said first display region.

22. (UNAMENDED) The information processing apparatus of claim 4, further comprising:
a deleting section that deletes the mark.

23. (UNAMENDED) The display control method of claim 11, further comprising:
deleting the mark.

24. (UNAMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 18, wherein the instructions cause the machine to perform operations further comprising:
deleting the mark.

25-27. (CANCELED)